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is no remedy for [*on account of*] the north winds, but death\* Also the place of the haven was so little, that, of necessity, the ships must ride one aboard [*touching*] the other ; so that we could not give place to them, nor they to us,

And here I began to bewail that which after followed, for now, said I, " I am in two dangers 5 and forced to receive the one of them." That was, either I must have kept the Fleet from entering the port, the which, with GQD's help, I was very well able to do: or , else suffer them to enter in, with their accustomed treason, which they never fail to execute where they may have opportunity, or circumvent it by any means\* If I had kept them out., then had there been present shipwreck of all the Fleet, which amounted in value to 6,000,000 [crowns] which was in ' value [*at 6s. the crown*] £ i ,800,000 [ = *about four millions and a half now*] which I considered I was not able to answer ; fearing the Queen's Majesty's indignation in so weighty a matter.

Thus revolving with myself the doubts ; I thought it rather better to abide the jutt of the uncertainty, than the certainty. The uncertain doubt I accounted, was their treason ; which, by good policy, I hoped might be prevented : and therefore as choosing the least mischief, I proceeded to Conditions\*

Now was our first messenger come and returned from the Fleet, with report of the arrival of a Viceroy ; so that he had authority both in all this Province of Mexico otherwise called *Nova H<sup>span</sup>a*, and in the sea. Who sent us word that " We should send our Conditions, which, of his part, should (for the better maintenance of fmitie between the Princes), be both favourably granted\* and faithfully performed " : with many fair words, " how passing the coast of the Indies, he, had understood of our honest behaviour towards the inhabitants where we had to do ; as 'well elsewhere, as in the same port," the which' I let pa\$,

Thus following our demand, we required,

Victuals for our money, arid license 'to sell as much wares as might furnish our wants,

That there might be, of either part, twelve gentlemen as hostages for the maintenance of peace. That the island, for our better safety, might be in our possession, during our abode there ; and such ord\*